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1. Prior to 23 May 1953, the Flak Kaserne, Wismar, was about 50 percent lighted at dusk. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. From 17 to 23 May, only little training activity, mostly physical training, was observed. 1

2. From 1 to 16 May, the Artillerie Kaserne and the Fliegerhorst installation at Perleberg were occupied only by guard details.

3. From 28 April to 6 May, the Artillerie Kaserne, Perleberg, was occupied only by a guard detail of 50 to 100 troops.

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During the same period, the Perleberg airfield was also occupied only by a guard detail. Not more than 15 soldiers were observed. Truck and sedan were seen leaving the installation. a restricted area northeast of Perleberg, was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. the restricted area included an ammunition depot. 2

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4. Between 7 and 16 May, rather little activity was observed in the Tauntzien Kaserne in Stendal. About 30 to 35 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. On 7 May, 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets engaged in the construction of lines toward Borstel. Signal construction truck was seen with them. Trucks were in the barracks yard on 12 May. On 15 May, service of the piece drill was performed on four of the six guns of the AAA emplacement.

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5. Except for the fenced-in komendatura and the headquarters building, the Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne was almost dark after nightfall between 7 and 15 May.

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line construction at the installation. Truck [] was [] nearby. Sedan [] left the installation.

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6. From 7 to 15 May, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied about 10 percent.

[] Trucks [] were [] en route to the installation. The evacuation of the post hospital was completed on 6 May and the hospital was turned over to civilian authorities. The administration building of the hospital was guarded by motor transport police.³

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7. Between 12 and 22 May, the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne, Magdeburg, were occupied by an estimated 400 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia. [] about 200 troops arrived at the installation. On several days, [] firing with carbines, and training with telephones and portable radio sets. Trucks observed en route to the installation

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8. Between 13 and 23 May, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 200 to 250 troops, with the sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [] mostly [] maintenancing of motor vehicles and driving school practices, and, in a few instances, drill and theoretical instruction. Motor vehicles seen en route to the installation

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9. On 22 and 23 May, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail of about 50 soldiers. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. []

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10. From 15 to 23 May, the Seeckt Kaserne was occupied only by a rear detail of about 50 soldiers. Sentries seen wore black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. []

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11. From 13 to 23 May, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 600 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Intensive training activity, including instruction on six 85-mm AA guns, was observed.

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12. On 16 May, the Encke Kaserne, Magdeburg, was occupied to capacity. On either side of the locked northern gate, the wall was being heightened by a board fence, about 10 meters long and 1 to 1.2 meters high, presumably to prevent observation from the buildings opposite the installation. Sedan [] occupied by a one-star general and followed by sedan [] occupied by two air force officers, left the installation. []

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13. On 18 May, singing was heard from the Hindenburg Kaserne. Most of the windows of the barracks buildings were open. Three buses were in the northeast corner of the installation. Five radio masts, about 8 meters high, were seen for the first time on the east side of the installation. Tank trucks [] were seen leaving the installation and, later, were observed at the filling station on Am Klosterkamp.

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14. On 20 May, [] the Herrenkrug Kaserne was rather vacant. No information could be obtained on the Anger Kaserne. 25X1

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15. On 18 May, [] only the southeast section of the Flak Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Much noise was heard from this section of the installation, while only a few soldiers were observed in the other sections of the installation. 25X1

16. On 18 May, the Seeckt Kaserne and the Nachrichten Kaserne appeared to be rather vacant. [] 4 25X1

17. At 11:30 a.m. on 18 May, four medium AA guns presumably 76.2-mm guns, covered by an apron, were on the Diesdorf athletic field. Two of the four temporary one-story buildings located there were occupied by civilians, two other barracks were fenced-in and guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [] loaded with cable reels was on the road in front of the installation. One officer and about 30 EM wearing black-bordered black epaulets engaged in line construction, adding two more wires to the already existing telephone line. 5 25X1

1. [] Comment. [] the Flak Kaserne, in mid-May, was occupied by a guard detail, the 288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was employed in border guard duty and the 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt was also believed stationed at the zonal border or engaged in exercises. 25X1

2. [] Comment. The occupation by guard details of the 18th Mecz Div of the two installations has been known previously. The restricted area northeast of Perleberg is believed to include an ammunition depot of the division. 25X1

3. [] Comment. The bulk of the units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div stationed in the installations mentioned are believed stationed in the wood camp southeast of Jaevenitz since late April. [] The elements which partially occupied the Taunentzien Kaserne are accounted for by the 977th Indep Sig Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps carried there. The AAA emplacement may be occupied by the AAA unit of the air force stationed in the parachutist camp north of the installation. The AAA emplacement, possibly is, however, AAA protection for the headquarters of the abovementioned corps which, then, is probably furnished by the unidentified AAA regiment of the corps. The truck observed in connection with the line construction at the Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne belongs to the 138th Gds Sig Regt [] of the Third Gds Mecz Army. 25X1

4. [] Comment. The information indicates no essential changes in the occupation of the installations [] 25X1

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[redacted] It is possible that the new arrivals observed at the Herrenkrug-Anger Kaserne were recruits from the USSR, who were transported in small groups which could not be discerned.

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5. [redacted] Comment. The AAA emplacement was previously reported [redacted] as located southwest of the Encke Kaserne and probably serves to protect the headquarters of the Third Shock Army.

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